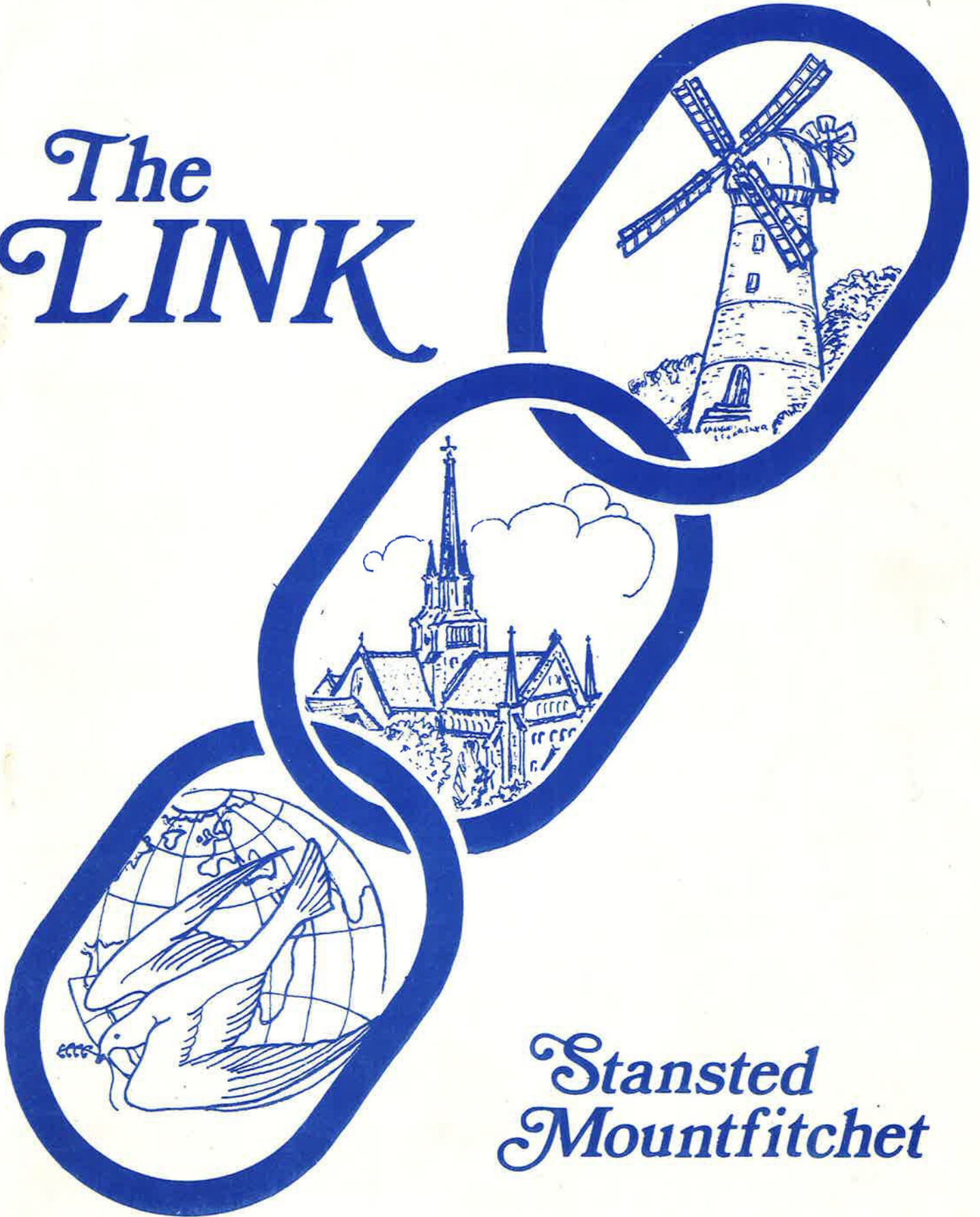


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Saturday 10th September

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3 pm Music by Local Schools

7.45 pm Choral and Orchestral Concert
(Programmes on Sale)

Sunday 11th September

8 am Holy Communion

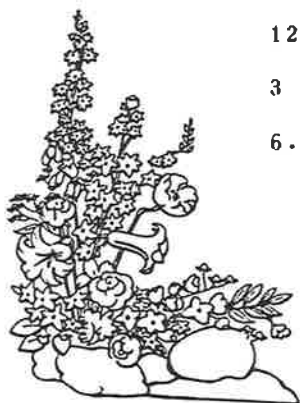
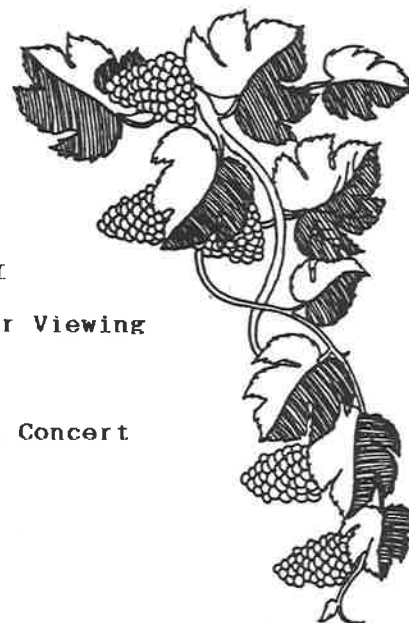
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6.30 pm Festal Evensong

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

Following on from
EVENSONG in ST. JOHN'S

at 6 pm

BRING & SHARE ENTERTAINMENT

Please bring sufficient
savoury and sweet for your family and/or any friends you invite.
It will be appreciated if you will bring your food to St. Mary's School before
the service - helpers will be there from 5 pm to receive it.



S.A.C.C.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

at 7.30 pm

In UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL

Speaker: Suzanne Long
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Tel: 54475

Services: Morning Service - 9.30am.



The walls of my boyhood home were "adorned" with nine large pictures (and not a few smaller ones). The nine large ones were four pairs and a single. Only one pair had artistic merit - etchings of landscapes by an artist of some distinction named Winter. The other pairs "had no beauty that we should desire them"! But they had all been wedding presents to my parents so on the walls they had to be! To have put them out of sights would have been churlish, an act of base ingratitude. The Second World War enforced some oblivion upon them. An air-raid in 1941, when glass was in very short supply, required that the glass of these large pictures be used to repair shattered windows. The now glassless gallery - all nine "exhibits" - were relegated to the back bedroom, where I slept. Little of the wallpaper remained to be seen, but my miniature gallery was not without interest.

The single picture, largest of them all, held the greatest fascination for my growing mind. This also was an etching - an artist's impressions of the main incidents in the journey of Christian, as related in the first part of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress". The story began in the bottom right hand corner where Christian was leaving the City of Destruction, "fleeing the wrath to come". We then see him moving horizontally, and slightly upwards, through the various scenes and experiences of his spiritual pilgrimage, until at last he arrives, in the top left hand corner, at The Celestial City. This very unusual picture (I have only once met anyone else who has seen a copy) was well executed. Its very graphic portrayals of Christian's encounters and exploits held my rapt attention very often. But it all left me puzzled until, at the age of 12, I was given a copy of Pilgrim's Progress as a Sunday School prize. I then read the one and gazed at the other with increasing interest and delight. It became, to me, as absorbing and exciting as an adventure story by John Buchan.

What happened to the old picture I do not know. It never held any interest for my one brother and six sisters. My parents were drawn to it, especially my mother, whose fascination and enthusiasm were passed on to me. I suspect one or more of my sisters, who sought to modernise the old home after my mother died, threw it away as old-fashioned rubbish! But I still have my Sunday School prize and have started to read it again more than fifty years after receiving it. For the 31st August this year marks the three hundredth anniversary of John Bunyan's death. He made an immense contribution to English Christian Spirituality. He can still do, though his language is sometimes quaint to our ears. In my contribution to "The Link" over the next few months I hope to share with you some reflections on this great spiritual classic.

My love to you all.

Harold Fisher

POSTSCRIPT

By the way, you might catch BBC Radio 4's production of a modern version "Pilgrim's Postscript" at 7.20 pm on Thursday September 1st. One of our Church Family, Andrew Harrison, plays the evangelist.



United Reformed

Chapel Hill

Ministers:

The Rev'd Eric McIlwain
18 Cambanks, Union Lane
Cambridge.
Tel: (0223) 313152

The Rev'd Lydia Rapkin
'Elberry', St John's Close
Saffron Walden.
Tel: (95) 23296

Group Secretary:

Mrs Janet Townsend
58 Chapel Hill
Tel: 812593

Services:

11am each Sunday

For details of services at Clavering, Newport and Widdington please ring the Group Secretary.

Perhaps all our friends in Stansted should know about a significant change which has taken place for the U.R.C. and for our Stansted Group in particular.

With the departure of the Rev. Ward Murray from Saffron Walden, the Cambridge District Council of the U.R.C. suggested a "LINK" between our Group of Churches and Abbey Lane U.R.C. in Walden.

Both parties have agreed and the way is now clear to seek a full-time ministry for the linked churches.

The new minister would live in Walden and give equal time to the Group and to Abbey Lane. Mrs. Rapkin will remain as an Auxiliary Minister within the Group and yours truly remains as part-time minister with the Group until December 31 1989.

Not much will change for a while but as there is now a vacancy at Abbey Lane we hope that it will not be too long before we are able to introduce a new minister to S.A.C.C. and to the village.

Eric McIlwain

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 4	11 am	the Rev. Eric McIlwain Holy Communion
Sept 11	11 am	the Rev. Lydia Rapkin Family Sunday
Sept 18	11 am	Dr. Macartney (S. Walden)
Sept 25	11 am	HARVEST SERVICE the Rev. Eric McIlwain
	6.30	VILLAGE HARVEST at St. John's

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH GUILD

It is always a joy to meet in the garden of Mr & Mrs Thomas. There are such a variety of flowers, shrubs and roses to see, many most unusual and interesting. We were lucky to have a fine evening in such a lovely and well kept garden which added to our enjoyment.

A most interesting evening was enjoyed by Guild Members because we were entertained by the PILOTS.

There were pianoforte pieces, Bible readings, ballet dancing, including a Breton dance, violin solo, singing, jokes and nursery rhymes with a comical twist and finally an up-to-date version of the "Good Samaritan".

Congratulations to the Pilots and we look forward to hearing from them again sometime.

M.C.J./D.H.T.

P.S. The Guild meets fortnightly on Monday evenings in the Lecture Hall behind the U.R. Church at 8 p.m. This is a non-denominational meeting and new members would be very welcome.

Church of England

Clergy:

The Vicarage, St John's Road.
Tel: 812203

The Rev'd Tony King
43 Gilbey Crescent.
Tel: 814463

The Rev'd Margaret Booker
Moorlands Cottage, Burton End.
Tel: 812684

The Rev'd Christopher Kevill-Davies
The Old Bakery, Berden.
Tel: 78625

Services:

Held in St John's, St John's Road
and St Mary's, Church Road.

Holy Communion	-	8am
Family Communion	-	9.30am
Children's Church	-	9.30am
Creche	-	9.30am
Holy Communion (1662)	-	11.30am
(1st and 3rd Sundays)		
Evensong	-	6.30pm

Holy Communion is celebrated on:

Tuesday	-	7.30pm
Wednesday	-	10am
Thursday	-	9.15am
Friday	-	7.45am

In summer months some of these services are held at St Mary's. See notice in church porches for further details or ring one of the clergy.

Church of England

CHURCH DIARY

September

If you've ever belonged to a Guide or Scout Movement, you will be familiar with the term "Wide Games". They are games played out of doors - involving more than just 5 minutes time out of a meeting - a chance to think out strategies and work together as a team for the whole of a meeting, and thus get a wider vision of the world and other people - than the 4 walls of one's meeting place.

This wider vision of life has been for me one of the messages that has come out of the Lambeth Conference - that the Bishops have thought, listened and worked together on the many different problems that they have brought from the 4 walls of their dioceses - and the thoughts and decisions that have been taken will give the whole Church a wider vision and so it will shape the future of the Church for the next Lambeth Conference in 1998!

It is good to think wide - and not get wrapped up in our own problems - and there are opportunities for us to do just this - We shall soon be hearing about how we can share in helping to shape the future of the Church in the urban areas of our own diocese. In October there are the Keene lectures in Chelmsford on Church and State - and of course we have our own links with other parishes overseas - Chevetogne in Belgium, Midvale Lutheran in America and St Luke's Hospital in Kasupe in Malawi.

So prick up your ears when you hear the wider Church mentioned and find out about it - and find the excitement of belonging to a family greater than just the Church in Stansted - a sharing in its joys and sorrows.

Hope you've all had a good summer break.

Yours as always
Margaret

Parish Registers

Baptism

Aug 7th Matthew David Fuller
26 Spencer Close

Marriage

Aug 7th Trevor John Burton
15 Millfields and
Susan Kim Horton
160 Cannon's Close, B. Stort

Departed

July 8th Horice Richard Winder
4 Priory Drive Aged 89

- 6 Prayer Group.
22 Bentfield Causeway 8.15 pm
- 7 Fellowship Group at The Snuff Box
Bentfield Rd
- 10 & 11 Festival at St Mary's - see
elsewhere in Link
- 10 Friends of Essex Churches
Sponsored Cycle Ride
- 12 SACC AGM 7.30 pm URC Hall
- 13 Tiny Tots 2.15 pm St John's
- 13 PCC Fairfields
- 17 Jumble Sale St John's Hall 2 pm
- 17 RC & CofE Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- 21 Fellowship at 45 Sunnyside
- 25 Harvest Thanksgiving
All services at St John's
- 25 Hazel End Fair 10-6
- 26 Over 60's Harvest Service 2.30 pm
- 27 Pastoral Care Group 8.15 The Willows
Bentfield Rd
- 28 M.U. Communion & AGM 2.30 pm
- 29 St Michael & All Angels.
Holy Communion 9.15 am

October

- 1 USPG Day Chelmsford Cathedral
12.30 - 5 pm
- 2 Farnham Harvest
- 3 Deanery Synod
- 8 Farnham Harvest Supper



YOUTH NEWS

Last month's events have been action packed (thanks to the decent weather), starting with a clue quest around the village. One group even got all the answers right - well done to them. The walk to Farnham was enjoyed by all (with the exception of one farmer). This was followed by a picnic and several silly games which the leaders enjoyed even if the young people didn't.

Please note youth club is closed because of our holiday on 28 August and 4 September.

Some of the Youth Group will be on holiday in the Isle of Wight when this issue comes out - we hope they have a very happy holiday with other Youth Groups from the Diocese. Meanwhile Sunday meetings continue as usual 6.30 and 8 pm in the Hall unless otherwise stated in the Newsheet.

For further information, phone Fr Tony 814463, Brenda Towle 813712, Paula Holmes 59068, or see Martin Corbishley, Gary West or Richard Hart.



MOTHERS' UNION

Thank you for helping to make the day out of the Hutton Branch so successful on August 17th.

We meet in September on the 28th at 2.30 pm in St John's for Communion and admission of Mrs Young - and then the Annual Meeting in the Hall afterwards.



TINY TOTS

WE RESUME ON

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

2.15 pm ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

ST JOHN'S HALL

17th September 2 p.m.

Jumble may be left at High View St John's Road or ring 814562



HARVEST

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH at ST JOHN'S

Holy Communion 8 am
Parish Communion 9.30 am
Holy Communion 11.30 am
Unity Evensong 6.00 pm
Harvest Supper 7.30 pm (St Mary's School)



Saturday September 10th 1988

This is for walkers too. It is hoped that as many walkers and cyclists as possible will turn out on this date. to raise money for this organisation and for their Churches - Get your sponsor forms and stickers from your church rep:-

- Methodists & Quakers - Fred Boyd 812148
- St Theresa's - Mike Thompson Rickling 414
- St John's & St Mary's - Geoff Booker (Cyclists) 812684 John Jaques (Walkers) 815637



CONFIRMATION

ARE YOU THINKING OF BEING CONFIRMED?

This month we shall be starting a new series of preparation classes for Adults. If you would like to know more, please let Fr Tony or Deacon Margaret know. By coming to the group you are not committing yourself to eventually being confirmed. So why not come along? And any others who would like a refresher course.



Diocese of Chelmsford : Diocese of Brentwood

Joint C of E/RC Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday September 17th

12 noon Eucharists at Parish Church & Chapel of Reconciliation
 2 pm Joint Service
 2.30 pm Joint Procession of Witness
 3.30 pm Final Prayers
 4.00 pm Depart

Anyone wishing to go please contact Margaret Booker of Francis Mercer.

Roman Catholic

St Theresa's Church, Millside.

Priest: The Rev'd David Chapman
12 Millside (flat above Church).
Tel: 814349

Services: Sunday Masses - 8am and 10.30am
and at Henham - 9.15am.

Holy Days - 9.15am and 8pm
and at Henham - 7pm.

Last November when I wrote an article for "The Link" about our winter in Spain following my retirement in July, I had not the faintest notion that by June we would be living in Spain. But we were seduced by the glorious golden orb so often shining from azure skies; and also by a delightful villa nestling in a verdant valley amidst a rugged range of mountains ten miles inland from the Mediterranean shore on the Costa Blanca. We were so happy and settled in Stansted, but the attractions of the sun and a totally radical change in lifestyle were finally irresistible.

When we arrived at the beginning of June, we thought we'd brought England's weather with us; although it was much warmer, the rain seemed incessant. But it hasn't rained at all since July started. How lovely it is to wake up every day to sunshine; and to know the evenings will be balmy and clear too. It really makes me feel quite guilty writing about it, when we hear so often of poor weather back at "home".

Advice from other ex-patriots varied considerably as to what we should bring out here with us. In the end, we seemed to bring everything we'd acquired in forty years of marriage, except our children and grandchildren, our friends and our furniture. Well, we did bring some furniture, but have spent the last few weeks choosing beautiful pieces to complement what we brought and others to suit our typically Spanish environment. One of the most exciting rooms is our "naya" or sun room. It is so large and warm and plants grow so well in it, including those we brought with us. It's furnished with bamboo furniture, which I hope will not suffer from the humid atmosphere that suits the plants. Laurie has arranged an elaborate system for lowering the macrame plant holders from the high beams so that I can water and mist them daily.

Of course, we live out of doors great deal, and patio furniture was a "must". We were lucky in a way to have so much rain in May and June, as the garden has been lovely, with gorgeous exotic colourful flowers, and equally exotic fruit trees producing excellent crops. The gladioli were taller than I am, and the bougainvillia and jacaranda trees magnificent. But I hate weeding out the excessive growth of the passion flowers and the morning glory that needed so much nurturing at home! Now the only gardening possible is watering ad infinitum. The ground is rock hard!

One of the greatest advantages living here is the relaxed pace of life. No one can rush around in this heat and everyone seems to take life in a more leisurely fashion. The Spanish people are very friendly and noisy and happy - tho of course their language presents a problem to us. I must admit to a yearning for the old days of the universal Latin Mass! The church is tiny, but cram-packed, and everyone sings enthusiastically, unaccompanied. But I do miss the chats after a Stansted Mass! We live in a tiny village of seventy houses, with one shop, one bar and one church. We are looking forward to the three day village fiesta in August, especially as our son and daughter-in-law and five of our grandchildren will be staying with us then. We are preparing for their visit (and others) by acquiring a boat and a portable swimming pool and buckets and spades and the other paraphernalia necessary for holidays near the coast.

What do we miss most from England? The phone, the radio and the shops. Very few people so far have a phone and it is amazing how inconvenient it is. The English radio programmes seem dull compared to the broadcasting at home, and reception is very poor. As for the shops, the Spanish naturally concentrate on keeping the sun out and so usually the window displays are minimal and far less attractive than those we're accustomed to.

But what an exciting adventure this is after our conventional previous life! I'm certain our ties with home will always be very strong and fetching the mail from our box is the highlight of the day, but it is great fun living in Spain and exploring our fascinating new environment.

Paula Hall

Society of Friends

Quaker Meeting House, Chapel Hill.

Clerk: Margaret Whitelaw
37 Heath Row
Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Tel: 52769

Meeting for worship: 11am.

Reflexology

If we want to see a miracle all we have to do is look out and see the beautiful world we live in. Each one of us is part of that miracle. The body we use while on this earth is constantly amazing doctors and scientists and so much of it is still not understood. It is our responsibility to keep it fit and healthy.

We are a combination of body, mind and spirit. One cannot be healthy without the other two also being healthy. For over 5,000 years one of the ways man has tried to achieve this is through Reflexology. This method was rediscovered in the West in the 1920s by an American woman called Eunice Ingham. She had been working with Zone Therapy, which is the understanding that the body is divided into ten equal longitudinal zones running from the head right through the body to the feet. She realised that the feet were the most sensitive part of the body and that by using alternating pressure on the pin head size reflexes in the feet, which relate to every organ and part of the body, she was able to get remarkable healing results.

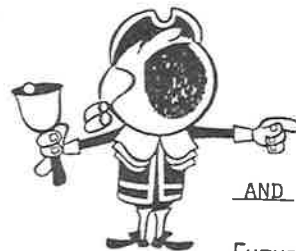
Due to the build up of tensions, toxins, poor diet and posture blockages can occur in the body causing disease. By working on the feet these blockages can be dispelled and a wide range of disorders relieved or eliminated bringing balance and energy, thus enabling the body to heal itself.

Treatments are generally given once a week as this allows for the body's natural repair work to be done. After the second or third treatment most people find there is a noticeable improvement and always a sense of well being.

The body is like a piano that needs tuning every so often. Reflexology can help it play in tune.

Rosemary Holmes
(Romy Renwick B.S.R.)

Village News



AND

FUTURE
EVENTS

VILLAGE DIARY

September

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| 3 | 2.30 | U.R.C. Hall Mountfitchet Garden Club Show |
| 7 | 8.00 | Day Centre Garden Club (see notice) |
| 8 | 8.00 | Recorded Music Society Day Centre |
| 10 & 11 | | Festival at St Mary's (see C of E News) |
| 10 | | Essex Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride |
| 10 & 11 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 12 | 7.30 | U.R.C. Hall S.A.C.C. A.G.M. |
| 17 | | Pilgrimage to Walsingham (see C of E News) |
| 19-22 | | Skip at Crafton Green |
| 22 | 8.00 | Recorded Music Society Day Centre |
| 23 | 10.30 | Conservative Coffee a.m. 53 Chapel Hill |
| 25 | 10-6 | Hazel End Fair |
| 25 | 6.00 | St John's Harvest Festival & Supper at St Mary's School |
| 26 | 7.30 | W.E.A. Course starts |

October

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| 1 | 7.45 | Mountfitchet School Windmill Fund Barn Dance |
| 6 | 8.00 | Day Centre. Local History Society "Saffron Walden" |
| 8 | 10.00 | Day Centre. British Legion, Women's Section Coffee a.m. Sale & Raffle |
| 15-16 | | Youth & Adult Community Centre - Art & Craft Market |

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Day Centre 8 p.m.

Thursday 8 September

Selections from Mendelssohn
Beethoven Mozart & Janacek



Thursday 22 September

A further instalment of the occasional series "Listen without preconceived ideas"



On our stand at the Hazel End Country Fair on Sunday 25 September we shall be having a demonstration of Poppy and Wreath Making by a demonstrator for the Maidstone Poppy Factory and this should be well worth seeing. We shall be selling Poppy Day Prize Draw tickets and you may be sure our stand will merit a visit. Our stand will be in the Craft Marquee.

The next ordinary meeting of the Branch will be on Thursday 13 October when we expect to have an interesting speaker and information of the venue for this meeting will be sent to all members.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Thursday 17 November so please reserve this date now and be sure to attend.

We are still wanting permanent storage for our Poppies - a spare garden shed (waterproof) would do or a part of someone's garage. Or perhaps someone could let us have a large cupboard. Offers, please, to Mr Stoddart on 814015.



Members were enthralled at our July meeting by the story of the Simmons family and their close relationship with the animals at Linton Zoo. Over 10 acres of zoological gardens are homes for a variety of animals including the tiger from Knaresborough - and beautiful slides were seen of all the animals and birds. The only safe places for some animals now to live and breed are the zoos all over the world. Linton Zoo is open to visitors every day of the year except Christmas Day.

Our Group Meeting will be at Birchanger on Wednesday 14th September. At our branch meeting on Thursday 15th September Dr. Weller from Thaxted will be coming to talk to us - always a special treat - and we shall be holding our harvest sale. All visitors are assured of a warm welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE - on Saturday 8th October we are holding a "GOOD AS NEW" sale, **COFFEE MORNING** and **RAFFLE** in the Day Centre from 10 am.

Pat Clower
815220



STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Janet Buttery

Crafton Green House
72 Chapel Hill
Stansted Essex Tel: 813214

SKIP: Next dates in Crafton Green:
Sat. 10th, Sun. 11th September
Mon. 19th - Thurs. 22 September

The Summer NEWSLETTER should have reached you all by now. If you have not had your copy please the Clerk for one.

BENTFIELD CAUSEWAY PLAYING FIELD will be available this Autumn for hire from the Parish Council for SUPERVISED USE only. Full details from the Clerk.

MOUNTFITCHET HIGH SCHOOL HARD-PLAY AREA
A very successful tennis coaching scheme has just been completed. We hope to run similar courses during the Easter and Summer 1989 holidays. Don't forget that these courts are available for hire to all the family - evenings, weekends and all school holidays - apply to the Clerk for details.

FOUND at the end of last season, a child's blue tee-shirt with 'Niagara Falls' motif. This is awaiting collection in the Parish Council offices.

Stansted Art & Craft Market

On 15th and 16th October 1988 we celebrate our Tenth Anniversary by holding what we hope has become a village event, the Annual Art and Craft Market at the Youth and Adult Centre.

Last year it will be recalled, was the weekend of the hurricane winds, so that attendance was a little affected. We hope that this year will not see a recurrence!

Arrangements are well in hand and we anticipate the usual fine display of several hundred paintings for sale and 25 or so craft stalls, where an early start for Christmas shopping can be made!

All proceeds are given the local charities and so far £8,800 has been distributed. Please help us make it a bumper year and make it at least £10,000 in 10 years.

Gwen Hopkins
Secretary
Stansted Art & Craft Market



"OUR VILLAGE"

On Monday September 26th Stansted Sports Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting. This Association had by February 1934 been formed, when an Executive Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr E Cawkell, with Mr C F Wells Secretary, Committee Members, Messrs. W E Mayhew, J A Littlewood, W K Shearing, J Herrington, L J Smith, W E Robinson and W Harvey, issued notice to the residents of Stansted informing them that a playing field situated at Hargrave Park had been acquired, which was to be held in trust on behalf of Stansted Sports Association, formed with the object of providing facilities for the organised playing of outdoor games. The purchase had been completed by means of a few generous donations and a raising of a loan. It was to raise further money required by inviting public subscriptions for membership to the Association and contribute as generously as possible to reduce the outstanding balance. In order that as large a number as possible could co-operate, the minimum annual subscription for membership was fixed at 2/6d. Facilities by donation for life membership were also available (both of these membership offers you will be pleased to know are still available at very reasonable cost).

Although the Cricket Club had through the generosity of Mrs Alder and family used Hargrave Park as their "Home Ground" since 1921 it was not until June 15th 1935 that Hargrave Sports Ground was officially opened by Mrs E Cawkell. A cricket match on this day was played between Stansted Cricket v. the Football Club. The ground had by 1934-5 been extended to about 5½ acres. The side to be used by the Football Club had been levelled and some 24 trees removed to make ready a football pitch. As a gift from the Jubilee Fund, a Jubilee Arch (1935) was erected above the main gates. This Arch sadly due to an accident has lately been missing, but both gates and Arch are reported to be well in hand hopefully to be soon replaced.

On January 7th 1939 the Football Club's new stand was opened. The formal opening went ahead despite the arranged match being abandoned due to thick fog. The building of this fine stand was made possible by Football Club members, the Supporters Club and the Sports Association. It had seating for 180 with two separate dressing rooms, two shower baths, electric light and a referee's room.

This being just a small insight to past events but with future sporting and leisure activities of our village in mind, perhaps with your added support, the facilities the Association can offer will be safeguarded and increased, for a well supported and strong Sports Association is vital.

P J Brown

STANSTED CONSERVATIVES ASSOCIATION

The coffee morning on 23rd September will now be at 53 Chapel Hill, 10.30 a.m. and not at "The Porch", Lower Street, as previously advertised.

For any further information please telephone Bridget Gott B/S 814440 or Pat Bickerton B/S 812411.



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Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported
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was raised.

Jack Wheeler
Janet Wheeler

MOUNTFLETCHET GARDEN CLUB

The subject of our last meeting, Mr. Garston's "Climbers and Wall Shrubs" must have been most beneficial to many of those attending, including myself. Apparently the secret of success is all in the pruning! Like most things in life it's easy when you know how.

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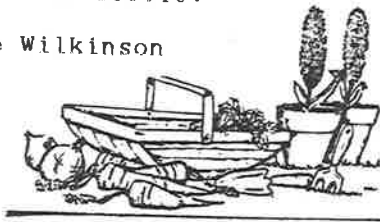
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RAFFLE
SALE OF PRODUCE AT END OF SHOW

On Wednesday September 7th our monthly meeting will feature a presentation by the National Council for Conservation of Plants and Gardens at 8 pm, Day Centre, Chapel Hill, Stansted. By the way, the subject of the monthly competition will be "The Funniest Misshapen Vegetable".

For further details on any of the above, please contact Sue on 813010.

Sue Wilkinson



STANSTED AFTERNOON W.I.

The July meeting of Stansted Afternoon W.I. was well attended. Mrs Pauline Cianciola, Vice President, welcomed members, and three visitors, on behalf of the President who was taking a well earned holiday. Two members who have birthdays in July were presented with posies. Final details for the river trip in August were discussed and members were asked to act as hostesses for the forthcoming visit of pensioners from Marllyebone. The speaker, Mr Peter Brown, gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides, showing slides of old Stansted and comparing them with today. He was assisted by Mr Peter Baker.

Mrs Cianciola congratulated Mrs Joan Rumney and Mrs Margaret Tolfts on their entry for the Streeter Cup for floral arrangements. The entry depicting "Carmen" had gained 2nd place.

The monthly competition for a limerick starting "There was a young lady of Stansted" only had three entries. Mrs Stella Cooper won 1st place with a "tie" between Mrs Betty Lockwood and Mrs Pauline Cianciola for 2nd. Prize winners in the raffle were Miss Berry and visitor Mrs Clower.

Pauline Cianciola
814487



SIDEWAYS NURSERY SCHOOL

The summer weather so far has been awful hasn't it? Although, as I sit writing this, the sun is shining, so maybe summer has arrived at last! I hope you are enjoying your holidays despite the weather. Next term starts on September 5th and here are a few dates for your diaries.

September 30th Sponsored swim, to raise money for funds (so get practising, maybe we can improve on your marvellous efforts of last year).

October 10th-11th The photographer will be at Nursery School on both these mornings at 9.30. If you have younger children you would like photographed as well please be at Nursery School by 9.15.

We have had some lovely toys and games given to us by a mum whose two sons were at Sideways a few years ago. Thanks to Sue Haynes, it was a kind thought.

I would also like to thank Stansted Carnival Committee for their very generous donation. The money will be well spent.

If any member of the committee would like to visit us next term, please do so, as they can be sure of a warm welcome.

See you all in September.

Auntie Helen



STANSTED DEMOCRATS

On September 16th the Stansted Branch of the Social and Liberal Democrats will be officially set up at a general meeting in the Day Centre at 8 p.m. All members and supporters are invited to attend this important event. The meeting will elect officers and a committee to take over from the 20-strong (!) combined committees of the former Liberal and SDP branches.

Two members from Stansted, Melvin Caton and Alan Dean, have been elected by the constituency membership to attend the first party conference in Blackpool at the end of September.

Forthcoming events in Stansted are:

1st October at 2 p.m. Jumble sale in St John's Church Hall. Jumble to Derek Honour, tel. 813160, please.

5th November. Bonfire Party at 7 Blythwood Gardens. Details next month.

Finally a date for next year's diary. On 21st January we will be holding our annual event at Stansted Hall. Details are not yet finalised but supper theatre and dancing are likely to feature.

For further details of branch events and about membership contact Frances Spalding, tel. 813432 or Jane Freeman, tel. 814084.



STANSTED WEA

The autumn course for Stansted WEA will be "A Study of Birds", lecturer Mr P Tout, who is a member of the Rye Meads bird ringing group. The subject will include:-

The identification of common birds, particularly in this area and the distribution throughout Europe; practical tips on bird-watching; the principles of bird census projects; bird ringing; the results of bird breeding and nest record cards; particular study of robins and the barn owl.

The course will comprise eight lectures, illustrated by slides, and two field trips, one to the Rye Meads ringing centre, the other to Amwell Nature Reserve. Mr Tout hopes his lectures will appeal to both the serious bird watcher and those whose interest is mostly from the armchair.

Meetings will be held, as usual, on Monday evenings at the Day Centre; starting September 26th, 7.30 pm, for enrolment before lecture at 8 pm.

New members are always most welcome. Further enquiries please ring B/S 812214.



HUW JOHNSON CLUB

One of the favourite outings was planned again this year. A trip down the river on the barge "Adventuress". So one Friday evening we headed for the River Stort. We would have liked the weather to have been better but with delicious food and charming company who could ask for more.

We ate our meal while watching the comings and goings along the river bank, the children calling out messages to the many fishermen who didn't seem to mind us disturbing the fish. As with any good meal it's nice to finish with a drink. We could buy hot or cold drinks, so to sit back in quiet surroundings and unspoilt scenery (if you ignore the odd empty pop bottle floating about), it was a pleasure.

The fine drizzly rain didn't stop many from going to the bow to get a better view and of course it was great fun when we came to the locks. Most agreed it was more exciting going down than coming up. John who only decided to come at the last minute, was very glad he did; the only problem he had was making sure he didn't miss anything. Andrew went one better; he watched the water go by while listening to music through the headphones of his walkman. Clare was a little worried when she saw a man at the stern until we told her he was driving the boat. This proved rather a puzzle as I think she imagined boats just floated along of their own accord.

It was agreed everyone enjoyed themselves and with a gentleman aboard who carried the box of containers back to the car for us it made a fine end to a super evening.

Jean Stone

SHALOM GROUP
PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 1988

Mondays at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm on the following dates:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Venue</u>
5 September	PRAYER & PRAISE Jean Bambridge, Ann Owen	23 Burnells Way (Judy Goddard's)
19 September	"WHY I AM A METHODIST" Harold Fisher	4 Greenfields (E & B Quinn's)
3 October	"THOUGHTS ON SOLITUDE" Judy Goddard	"
	People are asked to contribute with their own thoughts, or a poem, a piece of prose or music on the subject, if they wish	
17 October	DISCUSSION EVENING (Small Groups)	5 St John's Lane (F & A Boyd's)
31 October	DISCUSSION EVENING (Small Groups)	"
14 November	"HOW DOES CHRISTIANITY RELATE TO OTHER WORLD FAITHS" Speaker: Mr Ken Cracknell Senior Lecturer in Theology at Cambridge University	1 Blythwood House (M & M Dyer's)
28 November	ADVENT RETREAT EVENING Fr Jim Brand	"
12 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	23 Burnell's Way (Judy Goddard's)



**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Squelching through mud to peer down water-logged holes might not seem an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon but it proved to be so when Howard Brooks of Essex County Council Archaeological Department took about 50 members and friends around the digs at Stansted Airport. Mr Brooks described how tracing the sites was tackled and the excavation work carried out. He explained their findings and gave an insight into the history of the area. It is now obvious that this part of Essex was more highly populated in Roman times and earlier than had previously been thought. Coins and pottery have been collected and everything carefully recorded before further airport work obliterates the evidence of man's earlier occupation.

Our programme of monthly meetings starts again on Thursday 1st September at 8 p.m. at the Day Centre with Tony Wellings "Confessions of a Collector" and on Thursday 6th October with a talk on Saffron Walden.

Do come.

Peggy Honour
Secretary
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